रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) और (ख) प्रस्तावित आयुध निर्माणी के स्थान के बारे में अभी कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है । इस संबंध में बिहार के हजारीबाग जिले में मरकचों सहित विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों से स्थान के बारे में प्राप्त प्रस्तावों का निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार मूल्यांकन किया जा रहा है ।

Bharat Ratna Indiramma Programme in Andhra Pradesh

*306. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Miinster of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "DECCAN CHRONICLE" dated the 17th February, 1987, wherein it has been stated that the Light and Sound Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is organising Bharat Ratna Indiramma Programme all over Andhra Pradesh during the Mandal Poll;

(b) if so, whether such programmes are proposed to be organised in the other States of the country; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for organising this programme in Andhra Pradesh only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen this press report. There is no mention in this report of the Mandal Poll.

(b) and (c) The Song and Drama Division normally presents Sound and Light programmes on various themes, like national integration, communal harmony, family welfare and lives of eminent personalities, in different parts of the country. The number of such programmes to be conducted depends on the availability of funds.

Educational programme for children on Doordarshan

*309. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) aided by the U.N. Development Fund has produced over 300 programmes for in-School as well as out-of-School children in 5—11 age groups to be telecast on Doordarshan national net work in educational programmes for children;

(b) whether it is also fact that these programmes are lying underutilised and that Doordarshan is now asking the CIET to find a 'sponsor' for these programmes; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of technology to developed countries from India

*310. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any areas have been identified for the reverse transfer of technology to developed countries from India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the undertakings and agencies in India have identified possibilities of transfer of technologies to developed countries.

(b) Areas such as Chemicals Process, Energy Conservation, Food Processing,

process Control, Computer Software have been recognised as potential areas for technology transfer to countries such as Australia, Canada, France, Italy, U.K.

Stopping the import of kits for colour Televisions

*312. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to stop the import of kits for colour television in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The import of the kits for the Colour Television is not permitted as per the import policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Mutual benefit scheme

*313. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts were seized by the Income Tax Department in various raids conducted on the premises of persons running 'mutual benefit schemes' in Punjab in August, 1983;

(b) what was the number of claims filed so far by different persons aggrieved by the operation of these schemes;

(c) whether these claimants/victims were afforded an opportunity of hearing and what decisions have been taken on their claims for the return of the money illegally received from them;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted to ascertain whether the operators had any linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A search under the Income-tax Act which was conducted in August 1983 in the premises of the firm M/s Janta Janta Scheme, Sirhind, Punjab resulted in the seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs. 67.34 lakhs.

(b) 88,921 claims were filed by different persons with the Income Tax Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. While assessing the income of the firm, due opportunities to claimants regarding the depqsits with the firm were given. The money was not illegally received from the claimants by the Department.

(d) and (e) No evidence of linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State has come to the Notice of the Income Tax Department.

Accredited correspondents by PIB

*314. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th Nov., 1986; and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several information officers have been appointed to cater to the requirements of the accredited correspondents by the Press Information Bureau for every Ministry of Govenment and its departments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these Information Officers have been discriminating in the issue of hand-outs and information to a selected few of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Varous Publicity Officers of the Press Information Bureau have been attending to the publicity work of Ministries/Departments.